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STATEMENT OF COTTON PRESSED IN THE PROVINCE OF BENGAL FOR THE WEEK ENDING THE 24TH DECEMBER 1943.

[*See* section 5(2) of Act XII of 1925 and rule 6A of the Bengal Cotton Ginning and Pressing Factories Rules, 1925.]

1	2	3	4	5	6
Name of Division or block.	Number of bales pressed.				Districts included in the block.
	During the week.	During the corresponding week last year.	Since 1st September 1943 (*i.e.*, the date prescribed by the Provincial Government as the commencement of the season).	During the corresponding period last year.	
The Province of Bengal ..	264 bales of 400 lbs. each.	..	2,300	58	All districts in the Province

R. C. PARSONS,
Chief Inspector of Factories, Bengal.

SCHEDULE F.

STATEMENT OF COTTON GINNED IN THE PROVINCE OF BENGAL FOR THE WEEK ENDING THE 24TH DECEMBER 1943.

[*See* section 5A(2) of Act XII of 1925 and rule 6A(2) of the Bengal Cotton Ginning and Pressing Factories Rules, 1925.]

1	2	3	4	5	6
Name of Division or block.	Number of bags ginned.				Districts included in the block.
	During the week.	During the corresponding week last year.	Since 1st September 1943 (*i.e.*, the date prescribed by the Provincial Government as the commencement of the season).	During the corresponding period last year.	
The Province of Bengal ..	64 bags or 28·26 bags of 400 lbs. each.	..	532	..	All districts in the Province.

R. C. PARSONS,
Chief Inspector of Factories, Bengal.

DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE, BENGAL

Calcutta, the 28th December 1943.

Monthly Weather and Crop Report of Bengal for November 1943.

I. *Character of the season.*—The usual rainfall statement is appended.

II. *Progress of agricultural operations.*—Field operations were in progress under favourable weather condition. Harvesting of winter paddy commenced at places.

III. *State of standing crops.*—State of standing crops was favourable.

IV. *Prospect and probable outturn.*—The prospect of standing crops is good. Satisfactory harvest of aman paddy is expected this year.

V. *Damage to standing crops.*—No damage was reported from any part of the Province.

VI. *Condition of agricultural stock.*—The condition of livestock was fair. Sporadic cases of cattle-disease were, however, reported from 15 districts as also from the Cooch Behar and Tripura States.

VII. *Failure of pasturage and fodder.*—Insufficiency of fodder was reported from parts of the Birbhum and Dinajpur districts.

VIII. *Prices of food grains.*—Rice is sold at controlled rates.

IX. *Condition of agricultural population.*—The condition of agricultural population was, on the whole, fair except the distressed areas of Hooghly, Bogra, Chittagong, Tippera and Noakhali districts where relief measures were in operation.

M. CARBERY, Director.

Statement showing the normal and actual rainfall in each district during November 1943.

Division.	District.	Normal district rainfall for the month.	Actual district rainfall for the month.	Variation from the normal.	Division.	District.	Normal district rainfall for the month.	Actual district rainfall for the month.	Variation from the normal.
		Inches.	Inches.	Inches.			Inches.	Inches.	Inches.
Presidency	24-Parganas ..	0·82	Nil	−0·82	Rajshahi—*concld*	Rangpur ..	0·30	Nil	−0·30
	Nadia ..	0·70	Nil	−0·70		Bogra ..	0·49	Nil	−0·49
	Murshidabad ..	0·59	Nil	−0·59		Pabna ..	0·49	Nil	−0·49
	Jessore ..	0·78	Nil	−0·78		Malda ..	0·42	Nil	−0·42
	Khulna ..	0·88	Nil	−0·88					
Burdwan	Burdwan ..	0·72	Nil	−0·72	Dacca	Dacca ..	0·78	Nil	−0·78
	Birbhum ..	0·49	Nil	−0·49		Mymensingh ..	0·64	0·01	−0·63
	Bankura ..	0·66	Nil	−0·66		Faridpur ..	0·73	Nil	−0·73
	Midnapore ..	1·07	Nil	−1·07		Bakarganj ..	1·34	Nil	−1·34
	Hooghly ..	0·61	Nil	−0·61					
	Howrah ..	0·64	Nil	−0·64					
Rajshahi	Rajshahi ..	0·50	Nil	−0·50	Chittagong	Chittagong ..	2·37	Nil	−2·37
	Dinajpur ..	0·22	Nil	−0·22		Tippera ..	0·96	Nil	−0·96
	Jalpaiguri ..	0·47	0·45	−0·02		Noakhali ..	1·56	Nil	−1·56
	Darjeeling ..	0·62	0·27	−0·35		Chittagong Hill Tracts.	1·83	Nil	−1·83

DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE, BENGAL.

Calcutta, the 28th December 1943.

Final Forecast of the Bhadoi Crops of Bengal, 1943-44.

(*Note.*—On an average of the five years ending 1941-42, the area under autumn rice in Bengal has represented some 7·6 per cent. of the total area under rice in India.)

Character of the season.—Since the issue of the preliminary forecast in September last, the weather has been generally favourable for the *bhadoi* crops.

Acreage.—The total area sown with the different *bhadoi* crops this year is reported to be 8,783,000 acres against 7,311,200 acres last year. Of this, the area under autumn rice is estimated at 7,912,100 acres against 6,507,000 acres last year.

Outturn.—According to the District Officers' estimates, the outturn of the different *bhadoi* crops for the province works out at 95 per cent. of the normal this year against 66 per cent. last year. The autumn rice is estimated to yield an outturn of 96 per cent. of the normal this year against 65 per cent. last year.

On the basis of a normal yield of 10$^{9}/_{10}$ maunds of clean rice per acre, the gross outturn of *bhadoi* rice (autumn rice) for the province is estimated at 3,041,300 tons this year against 1,693,500 tons last year.

M. CARBERY, Director.

APPENDIX I.

Final Forecast of the Bhadoi Crops of Bengal, 1943-44.

District.	Names of crops.	Estimated normal area under each crop.	Estimated area under each crop.		Estimated outturn as a percentage of the normal yield per unit of area.		Date by which the harvesting of each crop was begun this year and whether that date was early, normal or late.	Remarks by District Officers.
			Last year.	This year.	Last year.	This year.		
		Acres.	Acres.	Acres.				
24-Parganas.	*Bhadoi* paddy (autumn rice).	51,700	59,600	73,700	83	100	Middle of September.	Increase is due to "Grow more food" campaign. The weather was favourable since the submission of the preliminary forecast.
	Indian corn (maize) ..	..	100	..	83	..		
	Other *bhadoi* cereals ..	7,900	5,000	4,400	94	100		
	Other *bhadoi* pulses ..	200	600	..	94	..		
	Bhadoi fruits and vegetables, including root crops.	3,600	2,000	1,200	83	100		
	Other *bhadoi* food crops	1,600	1,200	1,200	92	100		
	Bhadoi non-food crops other than fodder and fibres.	1,000	200	300	67	100		
	Total ..	66,000	68,700	80,800	82	100		
Nadia.	*Bhadoi* paddy (autumn rice).	555,000	594,500	558,600	50	92	Middle of August. Normal.	Decrease in area is due to non-cultivation of a considerable area in Sadar subdivision for want of seed. The weather was favourable since the submission of the preliminary forecast. Some damage has been done by flood. The outturn was normal.
	Other *bhadoi* cereals ..	700	1,200	2,200	50	83		
	Other *bhadoi* pulses ..							
	Bhadoi fruits and vegetables including root crops.	1,500	1,700	900	50	92		
	Other *bhadoi* food crops	2,400	2,300	2,400	50	92		
	Bhadoi fodder crops other than jowar, bajra, marua and maize.	4,900	4,800	5,000	50	92		
	Bhadoi non-food crops other than fodder and fibres.	2,600	2,900	3,000	50	92		
	Total ..	567,100	607,400	572,100	90	92		
Murshidabad.	*Bhadoi* paddy (autumn rice).	212,100	272,300	288,500	75	100	Middle of August. Normal.	Increase in area is due to "Grow more food" campaign. The weather was generally favourable. In some areas the crops were damaged by sudden flood.
	Jowar	(6)	1,000	1,000	78	92		
	Bajra	800	500	700	75	92		
	Mandua, maruа or ragi	(11)	100	200	100	100		
	Indian corn (maize) ..	800	900	900	83	92		
	Other *bhadoi* cereals ..	6,500	3,300	4,800	80	92		
	Other *bhadoi* pulses ..	12,300	3,500	7,200	80	92		
	Bhadoi fruits and vegetables, including root crops.	32,500	15,200	16,700	81	92		
	Other *bhadoi* food crops	700	600	1,000	84	92		
	Bhadoi fodder crops other than jowar, bajra, maruа and maize.	5,400	3,300	5,900	94	92		
	Bhadoi fibres other than jute.	200	200	300	87	92		
	Mulberry	1,400	2,000	2,100	92	100		
	Bhadoi non-food crops other than fodder and fibres	9,200	5,400	4,100	68	92		
	Total ..	281,900	308,300	333,800	75	99		

District.	Names of crops.	Estimated normal area under each crop.	Estimated area under each crop.		Estimated outturn as a percentage of the normal yield per unit of area.		Date by which the harvesting of each crop was begun this year and whether that date was early, normal or late.	Remarks by District Officers.
			Last year.	This year.	Last year.	This year.		
		Acres.	Acres.	Acres.				
Jessore.	*Bhadoi* paddy (autumn rice).	291,500	311,300	466,900		100	September. Normal.	Increase is due to "Grow more food" campaign. The weather was favourable.
	Jowar ..	..	..	100				
	Other *bhadoi* cereals ..	8,700	1,000	1,600	65	80		
	Other *bhadoi* pulses ..							
	Other *bhadoi* food crops	5,700	1,800	2,400				
	Bhadoi fodder crops other than jowar, bajra, maruа and maize.	600	100	200				
	Bhadoi fibres other than jute and sunn hemp.	..	..	100	..			
	Bhadoi non-food crops other than fodder and fibres.	1,600	100	100	65			
	Total ..	308,100	314,300	471,400	65	99		
Khulna.	*Bhadoi* paddy (autumn rice).	53,700	40,000	107,900	100	100	Last date of November. Normal.	Increase is due to "Grow more food" campaign. The weather was fairly favourable.
	Other *bhadoi* cereals ..	100	..	..	..	..		
	Other *bhadoi* pulses ..	600	200	200	67	67		
	Bhadoi fruits and vegetables, including root crops.	6,000	4,000	19,600	83	92		
	Total ..	60,400	44,200	127,700	98	99		
Burdwan.	*Bhadoi* paddy (autumn rice).	53,800	38,300	52,400	58	92	Middle of October to November. Normal.	The weather was favourable on the whole.
	Jowar ..	..	100	100	50	92		
	Mandua, maruа or ragi	100	(10)	(10)	75	100		
	Indian corn (maize) ..	1,700	1,700	1,300	75	100		
	Other *bhadoi* cereals ..	400	400	700	33	92		
	Other *bhadoi* pulses ..	1,200	400	700	25	92		
	Bhadoi fruits and vegetables, including root crops.	5,600	1,500	2,000	50	92		
	Other *bhadoi* food crops	300	300	300	50	92		
	Bhadoi fodder crops other than jowar, bajra, maruа and maize.	300	200	200	25	83		
	Bhadoi sunn hemp ..	..	200	100	75	100		
	Bhadoi fibres other than jute.	4,900	1,200	1,900	50	83		
	Bhadoi non-food crops other than fodder and fibres.	1,100	600	300	42	83		
	Total ..	69,900	44,900	60,000	57	92		
Murshidabad.	*Bhadoi* paddy (autumn rice).	58,200	60,000	60,400	58	100	....	Increase is due to "Grow more food" campaign. The weather was good.
	Jowar	100	100	300	58	100		
	Bajra	200	200	1,400				
	Maruа	(18)	(18)	(18)				
	Indian corn (maize) ..	800	500	1,400				
	Other *bhadoi* cereals ..	1,000	100	200				
	Other *bhadoi* pulses ..	100	100	100				
	Bhadoi fruits and vegetables, including root crops.	3,300	2,000	3,100				
	Other *bhadoi* food crops	(50)	..	..	..	..		
	Bhadoi fodder crops other than jowar, bajra, maruа and maize.	500	300	300	58	100		
	Bhadoi fibres other than jute.	200	200	300				
	Mulberry	500	200	300				
	Bhadoi non-food crops other than fodder and fibres.	400	200	400				
	Total ..	65,800	63,900	68,200	58	100		

District.	Names of crops.	Estimated normal area under each crop.	Estimated area under each crop.		Estimated outturn as a percentage of the normal yield per unit of area.		Date by which the harvesting of each crop was begun this year and whether that date was early, normal or late.	Remarks by District Officers.
			Last year.	This year.	Last year.	This year.		
		Acres.	Acres.	Acres.				
Bankura.	*Bhadoi* paddy (autumn rice).	180,200	166,100	170,600	75	100	October. Normal.	Increase is due to timely rainfall and "Grow more food" propaganda. The weather was favourable. The outturn was normal.
	Jowar	..	4,500	(31)				
	Mandua, marua or ragi	200	(35)	(10)				
	Indian corn (maize) ..	6,400	2,800	2,900				
	Other *bhadoi* cereals ..	12,000	20,300	22,400				
	Other *bhadoi* pulses ..							
	Bhadoi fruits and vegetables, including root crops.	9,000	4,200	4,200	83	83	....	
	Other *bhadoi* food crops	900	1,000	1,100				
	Bhadoi fodder crops other than jowar, bajra, etc.	100	200	200				
	Bhadoi sunn hemp ..	..	100	200				
	Bhadoi fibres other than jute.	400	500	600				
	Mulberry	300	200	200				
	Bhadoi non-food crops other than fodder and fibres.	1,000	500	500				
	Total ..	210,500	200,400	202,900	76	97		
Midnapore.	*Bhadoi* paddy (autumn rice).	228,300	266,400	243,600	58	80	....	Decrease is due to flood. Some damage has been done to crops by flood. The weather was favourable. The outturn is below normal.
	Jowar	800	3,200	3,200	67	58		
	Bajra	1,200	200	200	67	67		
	Mandua or marua ..	2,000	600	600	67	67		
	Indian corn (maize) ..	8,000	18,600	18,600	67	58		
	Other *bhadoi* cereals ..	10,100	5,400	5,300	67	58		
	Other *bhadoi* pulses ..	29,300	1,000	1,000	67	67		
	Bhadoi fruits and vegetables, including root crops.	26,000	3,600	3,800	75	67		
	Other *bhadoi* food crops	7,400	500	600	67	58		
	Bhadoi fodder crops other than jowar, bajra, marua and maize.	500	800	600	50	67		
	Bhadoi sunn hemp ..	..	200	400	67	50		
	Bhadoi fibres other than jute.	1,100	800	300	50	67		
	Mulberry	400	(30)	(26)	42	50		
	Bhadoi non-food crops other than fodder and fibres.	400	900	600	58	75		
	Total ..	315,500	302,200	278,800	59	78		
Hooghly.	*Bhadoi* paddy (autumn rice).	24,700	33,000	35,000	66	110	Middle of September. Normal.	The weather was favourable. Some damage done by flood in certain areas.
	Jowar	100	..	100	..	80		
	Indian corn (maize) ..	100	200	200	66	80		
	Other *bhadoi* cereals ..	200	100	100	66	80		
	Other *bhadoi* pulses ..	100	300	300	68	70		
	Bhadoi fruits and vegetables, including root crops.	3,000	800	800	66	80		
	Bhadoi fodder crops other than jowar, bajra, marua and maize.	100	100	200	66	80		
	Total ..	28,300	34,500	36,700	66	109		

District.	Names of crops.	Estimated normal area under each crop.	Estimated area under each crop.		Estimated outturn as a percentage of the normal yield per unit of area.		Date by which the harvesting of each crop was begun this year and whether that date was early, normal or late.	Remarks by District Officers.
			Last year.	This year.	Last year.	This year.		
		Acres.	Acres.	Acres.				
Howrah.	*Bhadoi* paddy (autumn rice).	6,200	7,000	14,000	75	100	Beginning of September. Normal.	The increase is due to "Grow more food" campaign. The weather was favourable.
	Indian corn (maize) ..	100	100	100	83	92		
	Other *bhadoi* pulses ..	1,300	800	800	75	92	End of October. Normal.	
	Other *bhadoi* cereals ..							
	Bhadoi fruits and vegetables, including root crops.	7,400	6,700	6,800	75	92	Middle of September. Normal.	
	Other *bhadoi* food crops	100	100	100	83	92		
	Bhadoi fodder crops other than jowar, bajra, marua and maize.	100	100	100				
	Bhadoi fibres other than jute.	..	..	..	..	..		
	Bhadoi non-food crops other than fodder and fibres.	..	200	200	75	75		
	Total ..	15,200	15,000	22,100	75	97		
Rajshahi.	*Bhadoi* paddy (autumn rice).	143,100	177,600	204,200	50	100	August. Normal.	The increase is due to "Grow more food" campaign and high price of foodstuffs. The weather was favourable since the submission of the preliminary forecast.
	Jowar	..	..	..	..	..		
	Bajra	..	(40)	(40)	50	67		
	Mandua, marua or ragi	..	(35)	(40)	50	67		
	Indian corn (maize) ..	800	900	1,000	58	92		
	Other *bhadoi* cereals ..	1,600	1,000	1,000	42	75		
	Other *bhadoi* pulses ..	900	700	800	42	75		
	Bhadoi fruits and vegetables, including root crops.	10,200	7,000	7,200	58	83		
	Other *bhadoi* food crops	3,200	1,900	2,000	58	75		
	Bhadoi fodder crops other than jowar, bajra, marua and maize.	..	100	200	42	67		
	Bhadoi sunn hemp ..	..	900	900	67	83		
	Bhadoi fibres other than jute.	..	..	..	..	..		
	Mulberry	300	..	..	..	..		
	Bhadoi non-food crops other than fodder and fibres.	300	100	100	67	83		
	Total ..	160,400	190,200	217,400	50	99		
Dinajpur.	*Bhadoi* paddy (autumn rice).	147,200	232,200	64,800	75	100	Middle of August. Normal.	Increase is due to good and favourable weather conditions. The weather was favourable since the submission of the preliminary forecast.
	Jowar	1,200	200	700	50	85		
	Bajra	200	(21)	100	40	80		
	Mandua, marua or ragi	300	(40)	100	50	75		
	Indian corn (maize) ..	900	15,600	1,700	45	95		
	Other *bhadoi* cereals ..	300	(8)	(25)	40	80		
	Other *bhadoi* pulses ..	500	100	100	70	85		
	Bhadoi fruits and vegetables, including root crops.	1,400	100	100	50	75		
	Other *bhadoi* food crops	700	500	700	60	80		
	Bhadoi fodder crops other than jowar, bajra, marua and maize.	100	..	..	..	..		
	Bhadoi fibres other than jute.	..	..	..	..	..		
	Bhadoi non-food crops other than fodder and fibres.	(20)	..	..	..	..		
	Total ..	152,400	248,700	268,300	73	100		

Districts.	Names of crops.	Estimated normal area under each crop.	Estimated area under each crop.		Estimated outturn as a percentage of the normal yield per unit of area.		Date by which the harvesting of each crop was begun this year and whether that date was early, normal or late.	Remarks by District Officers.
			Last year.	This year.	Last year.	This year.		
		Acres.	Acres.	Acres.				
Jalpaiguri.	*Bhadoi* paddy (autumn rice).	149,800	157,800	157,800	75	75	..	The weather was not so favourable. The outturn is below normal.
	Indian corn (maize) ..	3,600	2,800	3,200	67	67		
	Other *bhadoi* cereals ..	1,000	200	300	67	67		
	Other *bhadoi* pulses ..	2,000	1,200	1,800	75	83		
	Bhadoi fruits and vegetables, including root crops.	14,700	8,700	7,800	75	58		
	Tea	53,900	53,900	107,800	100	100		
	Total ..	224,500	224,600	278,700	81	84		
Darjeeling.	*Bhadoi* paddy (autumn rice).	3,700	4,100	5,000	92	92	Middle of June to middle of November.	Increase is due to "Grow more food" campaign. The weather was fair. Some damage was caused due to rainfall and cyclone in Kalimpong subdivision.
	Mandua, marua or ragi	3,400	5,700	5,700	83	83		
	Indian corn (maize) ..	47,100	65,800	65,900	83	83		
	Other *bhadoi* cereals ..	100	100	100	75	75		
	Other *bhadoi* pulses ..	1,800	400	500	88	83		
	Bhadoi fruits and vegetables, including root crops.	1,200	1,800	1,900	83	83		
	Other *bhadoi* food crops	4,400	200	200	83	83		
	Tea	26,900	31,600	31,600	100	100		
	Bhadoi non-food crops other than fodder and fibres.	600	4,400	4,600	83	83		
	Total ..	89,900	114,100	115,500	88	88		
Rangpur.	*Bhadoi* paddy (autumn rice).	312,700	500,000	750,000	60	90	Aug Normal.	Increase is due to scarcity of food and "Grow more food" propaganda. The weather was favourable.
	Jowar	900	1,400	1,500	50	40		
	Indian corn (maize) ..	100	1,100	1,400	50	45		
	Other *bhadoi* cereals ..	4,500	4,600	4,600	50	60		
	Other *bhadoi* pulses ..							
	Bhadoi fruits and vegetables, including root crops.	3,000	3,100	3,200	60	60		
	Other *bhadoi* food crops	500	600	700	70	50		
	Bhadoi non-food crops other than fodder and fibres.	23,000	23,000	23,000	70	60		
	Total ..	344,100	533,700	784,400	60	80		
Bogra.	*Bhadoi* paddy (autumn rice).	118,400	120,000	159,000	38	100	June to September. Normal.	The weather conditions have been favourable.
	Indian corn (maize) .	3,000	200	200	40	100		
	Other *bhadoi* cereals .	1,900	1,500	1,500	40	100		
	Other *bhadoi* pulses .	300	500	500	40	100		
	Bhadoi fruits and vegetables, including root crops.	1,000	2,000	3,000	40	100		
	Other *bhadoi* food crops	1,000	1,500	1,800	40	100		
	Bhadoi fodder crops other than jowar, bajra, marua and maize.	100	..	..	..	..		
	Mulberry	100	100	100	70	100		
	Total ..	125,800	125,800	166,100	38	100		

District.	Names of crops.	Estimated normal area under each crop.	Estimated area under each crop.		Estimated outturn as a percentage of the normal yield per unit of area.		Date by which the harvesting of each crop was begun this year and whether that date was early, normal or late.	Remarks by District Officers.
			Last year.	This year.	Last year.	This year.		
		Acres.	Acres.	Acres.				
Pabna.	*Bhadoi* paddy (autumn rice).	374,500	276,500	320,000	33	100	Middle of August. Normal.	Increase in area is due to "Grow more food" campaign as well as high prices of rice and paddy.
	Bajra	200	100	(8)	50	58		
	Indian corn (maize) ..	200	300	330	50	58		
	Other *bhadoi* cereals ..	4,000	1,500	1,500	38	75		
	Other *bhadoi* pulses ..	500	200	200	33	75		
	Bhadoi fruits and vegetables, including root crops.	18,000	13,100	14,200	50	75		The weather was favourable since the submission of the preliminary forecast.
	Other *bhadoi* food crops	1,000	500	500	42	75		
	Bhadoi fodder crops other than jowar, bajra, marua and maize.	500	200	200	25	75		
	Bhadoi fibres other than jute.	200	(40)	(40)	58	58		
	Total ..	299,100	292,400	336,900	34	99		
Malda.	*Bhadoi* paddy (autumn rice).	196,200	195,600	311,000	58	112	August. Normal.	Increase is due to rise in prices of foodstuffs and proper method of estimation of the area.
	Jowar	1,800	200	300	67	160		
	Bajra	1,400	200	400				
	Mandua	1,600	..	1,600	..	100		
	Indian corn (maize) ..	29,700	9,200	40,000	67	125		
	Other *bhadoi* cereals ..	2,200	1,600	1,800	67	100		
	Bhadoi fruits and vegetables, including root crops.	9,700	..	..	..	..		The weather was good.
	Other *bhadoi* food crops	3,000	1,000	1,200	67	100		
	Bhadoi fodder crops other than jowar, bajra, marua and maize.	200	..	..	..	..		
	Bhadoi fibres other than jute.	400	..	..	..	..		
	Mulberry	14,500	9,300	18,000	83	125		
	Total ..	261,500	217,600	374,300	60	114		
Dacca.	*Bhadoi* paddy (autumn rice).	316,600	370,000	462,500	80	100	September and October. Normal.	Increase is due to scarcity of foodstuffs and "Grow more food" campaign.
	Bhadoi fruits and vegetables, including root crops.	4,000	8,500	8,800	82	84		The weather was favourable.
	Bhadoi fodder crops other than jowar, bajra, marua and maize.	1,300	6,000	11,200	83	83		
	Total ..	321,900	384,500	482,500	80	99		
Mymensingh.	*Bhadoi* paddy (autumn rice).	761,900	1,025,200	1,282,000	70	100	August. Normal.	Increase is due to "Grow more food" campaign and high price of the crop.
	Other *bhadoi* pulses ..	200	100	100		83		
	Bhadoi fruits and vegetables, including root crops.	12,100	12,900	2,000		83		
	Bhadoi non-food crops other than fodder and fibres.	..	700	700		83		The weather was favourable.
	Other *bhadoi* food crops	43,900	43,900	43,500		83		
	Bhadoi fodder crops other than jowar, bajra, marua and maize.	64,900	67,200	55,100		83		
	Bhadoi fibres other than jute.	..	200	200		83		
	Total ..	883,000	1,170,200	1,383,600	70	99		

District.	Names of crops.	Estimated normal area under each crop.	Estimated area under each crop.		Estimated outturn as a percentage of the normal yield per unit of area.		Date by which the harvesting of each crop was begun this year and whether that date was early, normal or late.	Remarks by District Officers.
			Last year.	This year.	Last year	This year.		
		Acres.	Acres.	Acres.				
Faridpur.	*Bhadoi* paddy (autumn rice).	390,600	343,400	*386,000	50	75	Middle of July Normal.	The weather was not so favourable. The outturn fell below normal
	Other *bhadoi* cereals ..	..	500	400	58	67		
	Bhadoi fruits and vegetables, including root crops.	23,100	15,900	16,100	50	75		
	Other *bhadoi* food crops	500	1,100	1,100	38	65		
	Bhadoi fodder crops other than jowar, bajra, marua and maize.	..	200	200	58	58		
	Bhadoi fibres other than jute.	600	200		50			
	Total ..	414,800	361,300	403,800	50	75		
Rangpur.	*Bhadoi* paddy (autumn rice).	304,200	365,000	547,000	80	100	Early July. Early.	Increase is due to scarcity of foodgrain The weather was on the whole good
	Other *bhadoi* pulses ..	500	600	700	90	95	August and September. Normal.	
	Bhadoi fruits and vegetables, including root crops.	143,200	147,000	148,000	85	90		
	Bhadoi non-food crops other than fodder and fibres.	1,500	2,500	1,600	90	90		
	Total ..	449,400	515,100	697,300	81	98		
Chittagong.	*Bhadoi* paddy (autumn rice)	180 500	183,000	228,800		92		...
	Indian corn (maize) ..	200	200	200				
	Other *bhadoi* pulses .	200	200	200				
	Bhadoi fruits and vegetables, including root crops.	2,500	2,500	2,500				
	Other *bhadoi* food crops	1 600	1 600	1,600	80	80	August Normal.	
	Bhadoi fodder crops other than jowar, bajra, marua and maize	1,000	4,000	4,000				
	Bhadoi fibres other than jute.	800	300	300		80		
	Tea . ..	3 600	3,200	3 200				
	Bhadoi non-food crops other than fodder and fibres.	100	100	100				
	Total ..	201,000	195,100	240,900	80	91		
Tippera.	*Bhadoi* paddy (autumn rice).	261,600	327,600	401,200	84	90	August Normal	The weather was favourable Increase in areas is due to high price of paddy. and "Grow more food" campaign
	Other *bhadoi* cereals ..	700	400	400	75	83		
	Other *bhadoi* pulses ..	1,000	800	..	67			
	Bhadoi fruits and vegetables, including root crops.	700	500	.	67			
	Bhadoi fodder crops other than jowar, bajra, marua and maize.	1,000	200	400	50	67		
	Bhadoi non-food crops other than fodder and fibres.	5,000	2,000	2,600	58	75		
	Total ..	270,000	331,000	404,600	84	90		
Noakhali.	*Bhadoi* paddy (autumn rice).	294,000	300,200	311,000	65	90	..	Increase is due to high price of paddy. In Feni evacuated areas brought back into cultivation.
	Other *bhadoi* pulses ..	4,400	1,000	200		80		
	Bhadoi fruits and vegetables, including root crops.	1,000	10,000	1,000	45	100		
	Other *bhadoi* food crops	100	100	200		100		
	Total ..	299,500	311,300	312,400	64	90		

*Revised.

District.	Name of crops.	Estimated normal area under each crop	Estimated area under each crop. Last year	Estimated area under each crop. This year.	Estimated outturn as a percentage of the normal yield per unit of area. Last year.	Estimated outturn as a percentage of the normal yield per unit of area. This year.	Date by which the harvesting of each crop was begun this year and whether that date was early, normal or late.	Remarks by District Officers.
		Acres	Acres.	Acres.				
Chittagong Hill Tracts.	*Bhadoi* paddy (autumn rice).	92,400	80,300	60,200	65	90	August. Normal.	Decrease in area is due to want of sufficient Jumias. The weather was favourable since the submission of the preliminary forecast.
	Indian corn (maize) .	1,300	1,200	1,200	60	90		
	Other *bhadoi* food crops	6,700	6,700	6,700		90		
	Rabi (or) fruits and vegetables, including root crops	4,800	3,600	3,700		90		
	Total ..	105,200	91,800	71,800	64	90		
Total, Bengal.	*Bhadoi* paddy (autumn rice)	5,571,300	6,507,000	7,912,100	65	96		
	Jowar	4,200	10,700	7,300	72	66		
	Bajra . ..	4,000	1,200	2,800	67	95		
	Mandua, marua or ragi	7,600	6,400	8,200	82	85		
	Indian corn (maize) ..	104,800	122,200	140,500	73	93		
	Other *bhadoi* cereals ..	125,900	60,300	68,700	72	83		
	Other *bhadoi* pulses ..							
	Bhadoi fruits and vegetables, including root crops.	343,700	276,400	278,600	76	87		
	Other *bhadoi* food crops	87,100	67,400	69,300	67	84		
	Bhadoi fodder crops other than jowar, bajra, marua and maize.	84,600	107,800	84,000	71	84		
	Bhadoi sunn hemp ..	..	1,400	1,600	50	74		
	Bhadoi fibres other than jute.	3,300	3,600	4,000	61	83		
	Mulberry	17,500	12,300	20,700	84	122		
	Tea	83,400	88,700	142,600	99	100		
	Bhadoi non-food crops other than fodder and fibres.	47,800	43,800	42,600	70	72		
	Total ..	6,490,200	7,311,200	8,783,000	66	95		

APPENDIX II.

Abstract statement of estimated acreage and outturn of the Autumn Rice Crop of Bengal, 1943-44.

Province	Area (in acres). Of current year's crop.	Of previous year's crop.	Average of preceding— Five years.	Ten years.	Percentage by which column 2 exceeds (+) or is less than (−), area in— Column 3.	Column 4	Yield (in tons). Estimated yield of current year, *i.e.*, of area in column 2.	Yield of previous year, *i.e.*, of area in column 3.	Average of preceding— Five years	Ten years	Percentage by which column 7 exceeds (+) or is less than (−) yield in— Column 8.	Column 9
1	2	3	4		5	6	7	8	9		10	11
			Five years.	*Ten years.*		*Five years.* *Ten years.*			*Five years*	*Ten years*		*Five years.* *Ten years.*
Bengal	7,912,100	6,507,000	5,846,900	5,798,400	+21·6	+35·3 +36·5	8,041,900	1,008,800	1,754,400	1,886,600	+30	+72 +60

DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE, BENGAL.

Calcutta, the 28th December 1943.

First Forecast of the Spring Oilseed Crops of Bengal, 1943-44.

(*Note.*—On an average of the five years ending 1941-42, the area under linseed in Bengal has represented some 3·8 per cent. and that of rape and mustard 12·2 per cent. of the total area under these crops in India.)

Explanatory.—Three forecasts are issued for the spring oilseed crops. The present one deals with the area sown and the condition of the crops.

Area sown.—Spring oilseeds are chiefly grown in the Presidency, Rajshahi and Dacca Divisions. In the other two divisions the cultivation is not so extensive. The total area under these crops (excepting sesamum for which separate forecasts are issued) is returned at 1,008,600 acres this year against 1,079,700 and 1,087,200 acres, respectively, in the corresponding and the final forecasts of last year.

Character of the season.—Sowings commenced generally in normal time under favourable conditions and the present condition of the crops is reported to be fair.

M. Chatterjee,

APPENDIX.

First Forecast of the Spring Oilseed Crops of Bengal, 1943-44.

District.	Name of spring oilseed crops.	Estimated normal area under spring oilseeds.	Estimated area under spring oilseeds.		Date by which the sowing of the crops commenced this year and whether that date was early, normal or late.	Remarks by District Officers.
			Last year.	This year.		
		Acres.	Acres	Acres.		
24-Parganas.	Linseed	300	200	200	.....	The weather has been favourable.
	Rape and mustard ..	1,000	800	800		
	Other oilseeds (excepting *til*) ..	(*a*) 1,400	(*a*) 1,000	(*a*) 1,000		
	Total ..	2,700	2,000	2,000		
Nadia.	Linseed	65,300	62,100	65,300	End of October. Normal.	The weather has been favourable. The condition of the crops is fair.
	Rape and mustard ..	31,300	37,300	40,100		
	Other oilseeds (excepting *til*) ..	5,000	(*b*) 1,600	(*b*) 2,500		
	Total ..	101,600	101,000	107,900		
Murshidabad.	Linseed	33,600	31,000	32,300	November Normal.	The weather has been favourable. The condition of the crops is fair.
	Rape and mustard ..	22,700	21,800	21,900		
	Other oilseeds (excepting *til*) ..	3,700	3,000	2,900		
	Total ..	65,000	55,800	57,100		
Jessore.	Linseed	10,400	8,600	9,500	October and November. Normal.	The weather has been fair.
	Rape and mustard ..	19,000	18,600	19,200		
	Other oilseeds (excepting *til*) ..	7,600	(*a*) 5,200	(*a*) 4,300		
	Total ..	37,000	32,400	33,000		
Khulna.	Linseed	(15)	..	..	Beginning of November. Normal.	The weather has been favourable. The condition of the crops is fair.
	Rape and mustard ..	15,300	13,100	14,500		
	Other oilseeds (excepting *til*) ..	(*c*)10,500	(*c*) 10,500	10,500		
	Total ..	25,800	23,600	25,000		
Burdwan.	Linseed	7,400	500	900	November. Normal.	The weather has been favourable. The condition of the crops is fair.
	Rape and mustard ..	10,700	7,500	8,900		
	Other oilseeds (excepting *til*) ..	..	..	..		
	Total ..	18,100	8,000	9,800		
Birbhum.	Linseed	1,100	1,100	1,100	....	The weather has been favourable.
	Rape and mustard ..	1,700	2,700	2,700		
	Other oilseeds (excepting *til*) ..	200	200	200		
	Total ..	3,000	4,000	4,000		
Bankura.	Linseed	1,600	1,300	1,400	October. Normal.	The weather has been favourable. The condition of the crops is good.
	Rape and mustard ..	6,300	5,900	6,000		
	Other oilseeds (excepting *til*) ..	9,100	(*b*) 7,100	4,000		
	Total ..	17,000	14,300	11,400		
Midnapur.	Linseed	4,900	4,900	4,900	....	The weather has been favourable
	Rape and mustard ..	13,200	5,500	5,500		
	Other oilseeds (excepting *til*) ..	5,900	(*d*) 5,200	(*d*) 5,200		
	Total ..	24,000	15,600	15,600		
Hooghly.	Linseed	100	100	100	End of October. Normal.	The weather has been favourable. The condition of the crops is fair.
	Rape and mustard ..	2,900	2,100	2,300		
	Other oilseeds (excepting *til*) ..	100	100	100		
	Total ..	3,100	2,300	2,500		

(*a*) Including the area under groundnut and cocoanut.
(*b*) Including the area under groundnut.
(*c*) Area under cocoanut only.
(*d*) Including area under groundnut, cocoanut and castor.

District.	Name of spring oilseed crops.	Estimated normal area under spring oilseeds.	Estimated area under spring oilseeds.		Date by which the sowing of the crops commenced this year and whether that date was early, normal or late.	Remarks by District Officers.
			Last year.	This year.		
		Acres.	Acres.	Acres.		
Howrah.	Linseed	400	300	300	November Normal.	The weather has been favourable. The condition of the crops is fair.
	Rape and mustard ..	400	400	400		
	Other oilseeds (excepting *til*)	200	200	200		
	Total ..	1,000	900	900		
Rajshahi.	Linseed . ..	14,500	2,900	2,800	Normal.	The weather has been favourable. The condition of the crops is fair.
	Rape and mustard ..	53,100	37,000	37,000		
	Other oilseeds (excepting *til*) ..	2,300	(*f*) 800	(*f*) 800		
	Total ..	69,900	40,700	40,600		
Dinajpur.	Linseed	200	800	1,200	Middle of October to November. Normal	The weather has been favourable. The condition of the crops is fair.
	Rape and mustard ..	62,400	124,000	43,400		
	Total ..	62,600	124,800	44,600		
Jalpaiguri.	Rape and mustard ..	52,400	41,700	37,300	October Normal.	The weather has been favourable. The condition of the crops is fair.
	Other oilseeds (excepting *til*) ..	200	100	200		
	Total ..	52,600	41,800	37,500		
Darjeeling.	Rape and mustard ..	1,600	1,600	1,600	October and November Normal	The weather and the condition of the crops are fair.
	Other oilseeds (excepting *til*) ..	300	300	300		
	Total ..	1,900	1,900	1,900		
Rangpur.	Linseed ..	..	200	200	October to December Normal	The weather has been favourable The condition of the crops is fair
	Rape and mustard ..	67,000	112,000	117,900		
	Other oilseeds (excepting *til*) ..	200	500	500		
	Total ..	67,200	112,700	118,400		
Bogra.	Linseed	1,200	600	200	End of October and November. Normal	The weather has been favourable The condition of the crops is fair
	Rape and mustard ..	26,000	38,000	15,000		
	Other oilseeds (excepting *til*) ..	300	300	100		
	Total ..	27,500	38,900	15,300		
Pabna.	Linseed	12,000	13,000	12,200	Early November Normal	The weather has been favourable The condition of the crops is fair
	Rape and mustard .	73,000	86,600	85,500		
	Other oilseeds ..	1,000	400	500		
	Total ..	86,000	100,000	98,200		
Malda.	Linseed	4,000	5,100	5,200	October Normal	The weather has been favourable. The condition of the crops is fair.
	Rape and mustard ..	10,000	11,900	12,000		
	Other oilseeds (excepting *til*) ..	1,800	(*e*) 1,500	(*e*) 1,500		
	Total ..	15,800	18,500	18,700		
Dacca.	Linseed	5,200	3,800	3,800	.. .	The weather has been favourable.
	Rape and mustard ..	72,500	81,500	81,500		
	Other oilseeds (excepting *til*) ..	5,700	4,100	4,100		
	Total ..	83,400	89,400	89,400		
Mymensingh.	Linseed	3,900	1,000	1,000	Last part of October and November. Normal.	The weather has been favourable. The condition of the crops is fair.
	Rape and mustard	190,900	168,500	182,900		
	Other oilseeds (excepting *til*) ..	..	(*e*) 200	(*e*) 200		
	Total ..	194,800	169,700	184,100		
Faridpur.	Linseed	6,000	5,600	5,600	....	The weather has been favourable.
	Rape and mustard ..	24,600	25,800	25,800		
	Other oilseeds (excepting *til*) ..	1,100	(*g*) 600	600		
	Total ..	31,700	32,000	32,000		

(*e*) Including the area under groundnut. (*f*) Includes area under castor.
(*g*) Includes area under groundnut, cocoanut and castor.

DISTRICT REPORTS ON WEATHER AND CROPS.

Weather and Crop Report for the week ending 29th December 1943.

Serial No.	District and sub-division.	Price of common rice, in seers, per rupee. This week.	Price of common rice, in seers, per rupee. Previous week.	Character of the weather, condition of crops, etc.
1	2	3	4	5
1	24-Parganas ..	(a) 2 5/16	(a) 2 5/16	Fodder and water are sufficient. Cattle-disease reported from Basirhat subdivision and at North Dum Dum Municipal area. Necessary steps are being taken.
	Diamond Harbour ..	2 1/2	(a) 2 5/16	
	Barrackpore ..	(a) 2 1/2	2 1/2	
	Baraset ..	(a) 2 5/16	(a) 2 5/16	
	Basirhat ..	2 1/2	2 1/2	
2	Nadia ..	2 1/2	2 1/2	Fodder and water are sufficient. Cattle-disease (rinderpest) reported from Ranaghat subdivision.
	Kushtia ..	(a) 2 5/16	(n)	
	Meherpur ..	3	2 1/2	
	Chuadanga ..	2 1/2	(n)	
	Ranaghat ..	2 1/2	(a) 2 5/16	
3	Murshidabad ..	2 1/2	2 1/2	Fodder and water are sufficient.
	Lalbagh ..	2 1/2	2 1/2	
	Jangipur ..	3 1/2	3 1/2	
	Kandi ..	3	3 1/2	
4	Jessore ..	2 1/2	(a) 2 5/16	Fodder and water are sufficient.
	Jhenidah ..	(n)	(a) 2 5/16	
	Magura ..	(a) 2	(a) 2 5/16	
	Narail ..	2 1/2	(n)	
	Bongaon ..	2 1/2	2 1/2	
5	Khulna ..	2 1/2	2 1/2	Fodder and water are sufficient. Cattle-disease (rinderpest) is prevalent in Bagerhat subdivision.
	Satkhira ..	2 1/2	2 1/2	
	Bagerhat ..	(a) 2 5/16	2 5/16	
6	Burdwan ..	2 5/16	2 5/16	Fodder and water are sufficient.
	Asansol ..	(n)	2 1/2	
	Katwa ..	(n)	(n)	
	Kalna ..	(n)	(n)	
7	Birbhum ..	3	2 1/2	Fodder and water are sufficient. Cattle-disease (small-pox) reported from Singhi Union.
	Rampurhat ..	3 1/4	3	
8	Bankura ..	3 1/2	(a) 2 1/2	Fodder and water are sufficient. Cattle-disease (small-pox) reported from Vishnupur subdivision.
	Vishnupur ..	3 1/2	2 1/2	
9	Midnapore ..	3	3	Fodder and water are sufficient.
	Contai ..	3 1/2	3	
	Tamluk ..	(a) 2 5/16	(a) 2 5/16	
	Ghatal ..	2 1/2	2 5/16	
	Jhargram ..	3	2 1/2	
10	Hooghly ..	2 1/2	2 5/16	Fodder and water are sufficient.
	Serampore ..	2 5/16	2 5/16	
	Arambagh ..	2 1/2	2 1/2	
11	Howrah ..	(a) 2 5/16	(a) 2 5/16	Fodder and water are sufficient.
	Uluberia ..	(n)	(a) 2 5/16	
12	Rajshahi (Rampur-Boalia)	2 1/2	2 1/2	Fodder and water are sufficient.
	Naogaon ..	(n)	2 11/16	
	Nator ..	3	3	
13	Dinajpur ..	3 1/2	3 1/2	Water sufficient but fodder insufficient at Balurghat subdivision
	Thakurgaon ..	4	(n)	
	Balurghat ..	4	4	
14	Jalpaiguri ..	3	3	Fodder and water are sufficient.
	Alipur ..	3	3 1/2	
15	Darjeeling ..	(a) 2 5/16	(a) 2 5/16	Fodder and water are sufficient.
	Kurseong ..	2 1/2	2 1/2	
	Siliguri ..	2 1/2	2 1/2	
	Kalimpong ..	3 5/16	(a) 2 5/16	

(n) Not reported.

(a) Rice can scarcely be had in the open market at the controlled prices.

1st January 1944.

Date. 1943.	Hour	Height of surface above P. W. D. datum.	Height of surface above P. W. D. datum on the same date last year.	Remarks.
26th December ..	7 a.m.	38·15	38·10	Value of B. M. on Rajshahi College Step = 64·73 P. W. D.
27th „ ..	„	38·10	38·00	
28th „ ..	„	38·00	37·90	
29th „ ..	„	37·95	37·80	Value of zero 31·15 P. W. D.
30th „ ..	„	37·85	37·75	
31st „ ..	„	37·75	37·75	
1st January 1944 ..	„	37·70	37·75	

Highest recorded level on 20-8-1938=64·30.

Lowest recorded level on 12-5-1940=31·30.

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Rampur-Boalia, the 1st January 1944.

Serial No.	District and sub-division.	Price of common rice, in seers, per rupee. This week.	Previous week.	Character of the weather, condition of crops, etc.
1	2	3	4	5
16	Rangpur ..	2½	2½	Fodder and water are sufficient.
	Nilphamari ..	3½	3½	
	Kurigram ..	2½	2½	
	Gaibandha ..	2½	(n)	
17	Bogra ..	3	3	Fodder and water are sufficient.
18	Pabna ..	2½	2½	Fodder and water are sufficient.
	Serajganj ..	(a) 2 1/16	(a) 2 1/16	
19	Malda ..	3½	3½	Fodder and water are sufficient.
20	Cooch Behar ..	4	4	Cattle-disease reported from Mekliganj subdivision.
21	Dacca ..	(a) 2 1/16	(a) 2 1/16	Fodder and water are sufficient. Cattle-disease is reported from Manikganj subdivision.
	Manikganj ..	2½	2½	
	Narayanganj ..	(n)	2½	
	Munshiganj ..	(a) 2 1/16	(a) 2 1/16	
22	Mymensingh ..	2½	(n)	Fodder and water are sufficient.
	Jamalpur ..	2½	(n)	
	Tangail ..	2½	(n)	
	Netrakona ..	2 15/16	(n)	
	Kishoreganj ..	2½	(n)	
23	Faridpur ..	3 1/16	3 1/16	Fodder and water are sufficient
	Goalundo (Rajbari) ..	3 1/16	3 1/16	
	Madaripur ..	(a) 2 1/16	2½	
	Gopalganj ..	2½	2½	
24	Bakarganj (Barisal) ..	2½	2½	Fodder and water are sufficient.
	Pirojpur ..	3	3	
	Patuakhali ..	2½	(n)	
	Dakshin Shahazpur (Bhola).	2½	2½	
25	Chittagong ..	(a) 2 1/16	2½	Fodder and water are sufficient. Cattle-disease (rinderpest) reported from Sadar subdivision.
	Cox's Bazar ..	(a) 2 1/16	2½	
26	Tippera (Comilla) ..	(a) 2 1/16	(a) 2 1/16	....
	Brahmanbaria ..	(a) 2 1/16	(a) 2 1/16	
	Chandpur ..	3 1/16	2½	
27	Noakhali ..	(a) 2 1/16	(a) 2 1/16	Fodder and water are sufficient. 6,888 persons attended test relief works during the week ending 11th December 1943. 41,917 persons were fed in gruel kitchens on the last day of the week ending 11th December 1943
	Feni ..	(a) 2 1/16	(n)	
28	Chittagong Hill Tracts ..	(n)	(n)	Report not received.
29	Tripura State ..	3½	1⅝ to 3½	Cattle-disease (rinderpest) reported from Sabroom and Udaipur Divisions.

(n) Not reported.

(a) Rice can scarcely be had in the open market at the controlled prices.

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Mymensingh.	Total ..	83,400	89,400	89,400		
	Linseed	3,900	1,000	1,000	Last part of October and November. Normal.	The weather has been favourable. The condition of the crops is fair.
	Rape and mustard	190,900	168,500	182,900		
	Other oilseeds (excepting *til*) ..	..	(e) 200	(e) 200		
	Total ..	194,800	169,700	184,100		
Faridpur.	Linseed	6,000	5,600	5,600	....	The weather has been favourable.
	Rape and mustard ..	24,600	25,800	25,800		
	Other oilseeds (excepting *til*) ..	1,100	(g) 600	600		
	Total ..	31,700	32,000	32,000		

(e) Including the area under groundnut. (f) Includes area under castor.
(g) Includes area under groundnut, cocoanut and castor.

District.	Name of spring oilseed crops.	Estimated normal area under spring oilseeds.	Estimated area under spring oilseeds.		Date by which the sowing of the crops commenced this year and whether that date was early, normal or late.	Remarks by District Officers.
			Last year.	This year.		
		Acres.	Acres.	Acres.		
[illegible]	Linseed	900	900	1,000	October and November. Late.	The weather has been favourable. The condition of the crops is good.
	Rape and mustard ..	1,800	3,000	4,000		
	Other oilseeds (excepting *til*) ..	100	300	400		
	Total ..	2,800	4,200	5,400		
[illegible]	Linseed	100	100	100	November. A little late	The weather has been favourable. The condition of the crops is fair.
	Rape and mustard ..	2,000	2,000	1,100		
	Other oilseeds (excepting *til*) ..	100	100	100		
	Total ..	2,200	2,200	1,300		
Tippera.	Linseed	3,100	1,800	1,800	....	The weather has been favourable.
	Rape and mustard ..	37,000	15,500	15,500		
	Other oilseeds (excepting *til*) ..	300	100	100		
	Total ..	40,400	17,400	17,400		
Noakhali.	Linseed	6,300	11,500	11,200	November. Normal ..	The weather has been favourable. The condition of the crops is good.
	Rape and mustard ..	1,000	5,500	6,500		
	Other oilseeds (excepting *til*) ..	(*a*) 1,000	(*b*) 1,700	2,500		
	Total ..	8,300	18,700	20,200		
Chittagong Hill Tracts.	Rape and mustard ..	14,300	14,400	14,400	November. Normal ..	The weather has been favourable. The condition of the crops is fair.
Areas Bengal.	Linseed	188,400	157,400	162,300		
	Rape and mustard ..	814,100	884,700	803,400		
	Other oilseeds (excepting *til*) ..	58,100	45,100	42,900		
	Total ..	1,060,600	1,087,200	1,008,600		

(*a*) Including the areas under cocoanut.

(*b*) Including the areas under groundnut and cocoanut.

Statement of weekly gauge readings on the river Ganges at Rampur-Boalia for the week ending the 1st January 1944.

Date.	Hour.	Height of surface above P. W. D. datum.	Height of surface above P. W. D. datum on the same date last year.	Remarks.
1943.				
26th December ..	7 a.m.	38·15	38·10	Value of B. M. on Rajshahi College Step = 64·73 P. W. D.
27th ,, ..	,,	38·10	38·00	
28th ,, ..	,,	38·00	37·90	
29th ,, ..	,,	37·95	37·80	Value of zero = 31·15 P. W. D.
30th ,, ..	,,	37·85	37·75	
31st ,, ..	,,	37·75	37·75	
1st January 1944 ..	,,	37·70	37·75	

Highest recorded level on 20-8-1938=64·30.

Lowest recorded level on 12-5-1940=31·30.

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Rampur-Boalia, the 1st January 1944.

Statement showing the gauge readings at Dacca Waterworks Station on the river Buriganga for the week ending 25th December 1943.

Date.	At highest water.		At lowest water.		Commencement of—		Remarks.	
	Time	Reading.	Time	Reading.	Ebb tide.	Flow tide.	7 a.m.	5 p.m.
1943								
19th December .	16-0	6·0	12-0	4·5	16-15	12-16	4·9	5·6
20th ,,	17-0	5·5	13-0	4·2	17-16	13-17	4·8	5·5
21st ,,	17-0	5·2	14-0	4·1		14-17	5·0	5·2
22nd .	7-0	5·3	15-0	4·0	7-14	15-18	5·3	4·6
23rd ,, ..	8-0	5·4	16-0	3·9	8 15	16 19	5·2	4·2
24th ,, .	9-0	5·4	17-0	4·0	9-16	17-18	5·0	4·0
25th ,,	10-0	5·5	17-0	4·2	10-15		5·0	4·2

Notable high and low water-levels of previous years.

	Taken at high tide.			Taken at low tide.	
27th August	1906	70·5	23rd February	1907	51·06
5th September	1909	66·86	13th ,,	1908	51·06
10th August	1910	69·86	12th March	1912	51·06
1st ,,	1911	68·46	6th ,,	1914	50·60
13th ,,	1912	67·16	22nd February	1915	50·30
31st ,,	1915	69·7	15th ,,	1916	50·60
8th ,,	1916	68·1	3rd March	1917	51·0
12th ,,	1917	67·1	21st February	1918	51·40
13th ,,	1918	69·12	26th ,,	1919	50·4
2nd ,,	1919	66·8	18th ,,	1920	50·9
8th September	1920	66·9	19th ,,	1921	50·9
28th July	1921	68·4	8th March	1922	51·05
10th August	1922	68·00	14th ,,	1923	50·8
31st July	1923	66·15	16th February	1924	50·50
29th August	1924	68·82	5th March	1925	50·9
8th September	1925	68·52	9th February	1926	2·2
15th August	1926	19·6	27th ,,	1927	2·10
17th September	1927	18·70	16th ,,	1928	2·2
22nd August	1928	20·0	21st ,,	1929	2·0
13th July	1929	17·8	24th ,,	1930	2·3
12th September	1930	18·65	28th ,,	1931	2·2
16th August	1931	21·7	18th ,,	1932	1·8
6th September	1932	18·5	6th ,,	1933	2·10
7th ,,	1933	17·80	26th March	1934	2·40
23rd August	1934	19·35	15th February	1935	1·70
1st September	1935	19·80	3rd March	1936	1·90
21st August	1936	19·35	7th February	1937	2·7
9th September	1937	18·3	26th ,,	1938	2·40
2nd August	1938	21·0	3rd March	1939	2·40
3rd ,,	1939	19·10	20th January	1940	2·00
9th ,,	1940	17·25	6th February	1941	2·00
10th September	1941	17·70	11th ,,	1942	2·60
1st ,,	1942	18·00			

N. B.—Zero of the gauge at Dacca Waterworks prior to 11 a.m. on the 8th January 1926= —48·51 with reference to P. W. D. datum.

Zero of the gauge at Dacca Waterworks since 11 a.m. of the 8th January 1926=0·00 with reference to P. W. D. datum.

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Mymensingh, the 28th December 1943.